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## **State of California Increasing their Charge for Issuance of Medical Marijuana Identification Cards**

The California Department of Health Services' (Department) required portion of the Medical Marijuana Identification Card (MMIC) fee for non-Medi-Cal beneficiaries will be \$142.00 effective March 1, 2007. For Medi-Cal beneficiaries, the Department's required fee is \$71.00, also effective March 1, 2007. These new fees represent an increase and will be reflected in San Luis Obispo County's charges for the MMIC.

This fee increase is necessary to comply with Health and Safety Code 11362.755(a) of Senate Bill 420 (Vasconcellos, Chapter 875, Statutes of 2003), which requires the Department's MMIC implementation, development, and support activities be fully fee supported.

The County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department will amend the fee ordinance as soon as possible. The County's charge for issuing MMICs will remain \$65.00 for non Medi-Cal beneficiaries and \$32.50 for Medi-Cal beneficiaries, resulting in a total cost of \$207.00 and \$103.50, respectively.

The Public Health Department will suspend issuance of MMICs from February 28, 2007, until a new fee is established by ordinance by the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors.

Should you need any additional information regarding this increase by the State, please contact Mr. Curtis Lang, Chief, Medically Indigent Services Section, at (916) 552-8600.

Appointments for MMICs may be made until February 28, 2007, by calling the San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department at (805) 781-5514.

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